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1. The airfield, about 2 x 2.5 km, was south of the Dzhezkazgan (47°53'N/67°37'E) railroad station, Kazakh SSR, and the Karaganda (49°52'N/73°6'E) - Dzhezkazgan single-track railroad line. Except for the railroad station and a mechanical workshop there were no buildings or trees within about 4 km. There were no runways, railroad connections or drainage facilities. *
2. The field was a civilian airfield under improvement. A Soviet foreman said that it served as an intermediate landing field for planes flying the Alma-Ata (43°15'N/76°57'E) - Ufa (54°44'N/56°0'E) and the Karaganda-Aktyubinsk (50°17'N/57°15'E) routes.
3. An airport hotel, an underground fuel dump, and a new flight control station were being constructed. The old flight control station housed a radio and weather station.
4. No aircraft or troops were stationed at the field. The flight control station was occupied by 2 men who relieved each other daily.
5. One or two twin-engine commercial planes with radial engine, single rudder assembly and retractable landing gear made intermediate landings at the field each day. There was no night flying.
6. Two buildings were at the field, which was under improvement. There were no Soviet Army troops. Only intermediate landings were made at the field. *
7. Two large buildings were being constructed on the eastern edge of the field, 500 meters west of the railroad station. *

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2. Two or three planes, biplanes and twin-engine commercial planes (version of the Douglas), took-off daily from the field.
9. The field was west of the railroad station. A flight control station, a hotel for passengers, a repair hangar and a cantonment building were on the eastern edge of the field. *
10. A radio station of 1 antenna masts and a building with a generator shed was on the northeastern edge.
11. A fuel dump with containers, each 3 meters high and 5 to 6 meters in diameter was east of the field and the railroad line.
12. Six to eight U-2s, three twin-engine Douglas, 2 Ju-52s, five to six R-2s (two-seat) and a so-called minister plane, according to description an Il-12, were seen at the field. The 3 air lines to Tashkent (41°17'N/69°15'E), Alma-Ata, and Karagarda were allegedly flown by the planes. **

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The congruent statements on the location and status of the airfield definitely show that the field was used only for civilian purposes.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. The information on the aircraft types observed by a former pilot indicate that an aircraft park, as usually available for Soviet civil aviation and local district administration, is stationed at the field. The R-2 plane presumably is an R-5, an old reconnaissance biplane, model 1936, some of which are still being used by commissars of the local administration. See Annex for sketch showing location and layout of airfield.

1 Annex: Dzhezkazgan Airfield.

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